STAT

ARTICLE APPEARED
ON PAGE

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER 16 JULY 1982

A list of call-boy clients jeopardizing some high-security careers

By Frank Greve Inquirer Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Ken had been bought for the night for \$200 by the man asleep beside him.

The phone rang, and Ken's client was quickly awake. He answered not by saying "hello" but by warning the caller: "This is not a secure line." Obviously the man was used to dealing with secret information.

Ken was startled but not shocked. Three years as a capital call boy had taught him that security-conscious people abound in Washington, and that some are gay. Disclosure of their homosexuality could cost them the security clearances on which their careers or political reputations depend.

They are frightened now, says Frank Kameny, a leading Washington gay-rights activist. The FBI and military security investigators have obtained the names of 1,000 regular customers of Ken's employer, a multimillion-dollar male prostitution service known as Friendly Models of Georgetown.

The FBI's counterintelligence division is investigating reports that agents of the Soviet spy agency, the KGB, tried to recruit Friendly Models "escorts" in the summer of 1981 and to learn about their clients.

Government agencies with many secrets such as the State Department, CIA or Defense Department, also try to identify homosexuals on their staffs because they fear they are subject to blackmail.

The FBI calls them "baby doll" homosexuals — a term for a "victim who exhibits a real fear of being caught" because of his prominence or his access to classified information. Friendly Models apparently catered to such clients.

Friendly Models also figures in the page scandal now being investigated in Congress. Former page Leroy Williams, 18, of North Little Rock, Ark.,

contends that he referred a senator and a congressional aide to the agency. A second page, whom police would not identify, worked there as an escort.

Customer records seized by police in a March 18 raid include Williams' name, according to investigators, but not the names of the senator or aide. Williams may have been procuring for them, investigators theorize.

Adding to the potential worries of Friendly Models clients are reports by police that the agency's proprietor, Richard S. Kind, 38, may himself have offered to sell their names. And the District of Columbia's metropolitan police internal review unit is investigating reports that the list may have been leaked for sale by the department's officers.

It all adds up to an unsavory and massive security headache. Some homosexuals in uniform, including two active-duty Marines who were escorts at Friendly Models, face discharges. Civilians with FBI or other federal clearances will have them reviewed on a case-by-case basis, according to FBI spokesman Lane Bonner.

CIA employees involved will also face clearance reviews, according to press spokesman Kate Hall. Former employees of the CIA told The Inquirer that those under review would survive only if they had told supervisors in advance of their homosexuality, thus reducing the possibility of blackmail.

Bonner declined comment on any specific investigation by the agency's counterintelligence unit. But he confirmed that the FBI believes Soviet intelligence agents have sought out homosexuals in Washington. New York and the Silicon Valley high-technology area of California. If so, Friendly Models was a very

attractive target. According to police, it was the oldest and largest gay out-call service in the city. Its call boys were billed as clean-cut and collegiate. A phone call, a verifiable name and address or hotel registration, brought them to the door in a late-model Continental Mark IV driv-

en by the Friendly Models chauffeur.

According to Ken, who worked for the agency for two years and agreed to talk to a reporter if his real name were not used, Friendly Models specialized in discretion.

"A guy who had \$200 for a night, he's from something," Ken explained. "But he doesn't want to be seen in the bars. He doesn't want to be identified. He wants sex, not a relationship. No complexity."

During normal business hours — 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. — Friendly Models offered callers a choice of 15 to 30 call boys, Ken said and investigators confirmed. For the diplomatic and foreign clientele, there were models who spoke French, Spanish, German and Italian.

Each received a standard fee from clients: S60 an hour or S200 a night. Friendly Models took VISA and MasterCard.

Proprieter Kind, a slender, haughty bachelor, worked seven days a week, according to Ken, screening models, manning six phone lines and choosing and dispatching call boys for clients.

Kind received half their earnings, according to Ken and a second former Friendly Models escort. Police from nearby Arlington County, Va., arrested Kind in March and charged him with conspiracy to pander. He jumped a \$2,500 bond and has disappeared, according to police and his lawyer.

He left behind an IRS lien attesting to his success. Kind, according to IRS computations, owes \$1,028,902 in tax-es on business and personal income for his operations since 1978.

He had considerable overhead, according to his lawyer, Calvin Steinmetz. There was the elegant townhouse in Georgetown at 1658 33d St., where Kind worked and his models loitered, waiting for calls. A pool table, electronic games, showers, lockers and kitchen were provided.

Seven models lived nearby on Harrison Street in a two-story rowhouse owned by Kind.

To promote business, he often ran the out-call equivalent of sales contests: \$25 bonuses for six calls in a week, a color television for the most

Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2010/09/09: CIA-RDP90-00806R000100390028-8